



City of Westminster

NEWS AND NOTES

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NEWS FROM THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL

The Mayor and Common Council have been working on several large-scale pieces of legislation over the past few months. On August 13, a rezoning to allow for a medical cannabis dispensary at 330 140 Village Road (specifically tenant spaces Unit 7 and Unit 8) was approved. Westminster now has two medical cannabis dispensaries within its boundaries.

A notice of contract award was made at a special meeting on October 1 for major improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. These improvements include an upgrade to provide for Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR), modifications to the County's septage facility on the site, work associated with solids processing, and the replacement of certain equipment that is beyond its useful life. Substantial completion of this \$60+ million project is expected to take 42 months.

On October 8, a resolution was adopted modifying the City's Water and Sewer Allocation Policy and associated Master Distribution Chart. The most substantive change involved the allocation of water and sewer capacity for two non-profit projects. The Carroll County Public Library is seeking to build out the currently unimproved basement at 50 East Main Street for new community space, including a commercial kitchen for classes and various groups; the project is anticipated to double the program space at the Library.

FUTURE PROJECTS: PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Westminster Planning and Zoning Commission is reviewing several exciting upcoming projects in the City. New projects include a proposed gymnasium addition to the Boys & Girls Club on East Main Street; a new lifestyle and fashion boutique and two luxury apartments at the intersection of Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue; a brand-new sales building for Heritage Honda; and, an upgrade to the Burger King in the Crossroads Square Shopping Center.

The Commission meets regularly on the second Thursday of each month at 7 PM in City Hall, located at 1838 Emerald Hill Lane. The meetings are always open to the public, so come see what's in the future for your community!

WHAT'S UP WITH THE WESTMINSTER FIBER NETWORK?

Hey Westminster, are you ready for lightning-fast Internet? For those in the Downtown area, your wait is nearly over! Phase 3 of the Westminster Fiber Network is complete, with several areas are now LIVE and ready for service connections. Construction work on Phase 4 is progressing well, and completion of the entire Network is anticipated by year-end.

If you want to connect to the WFN, sign up for service with Ting and complete an Access Agreement. For your convenience, visit AccessAgreement.com to submit your form electronically. Be sure to follow the WFN on Facebook and Twitter for construction updates, breaking news, and overall progress reports on the project.

A QUICK NOTE FOR THE UPCOMING WINTER SEASON

A reminder to citizens within City limits: please remember to clear ice and snow from sidewalks within 24 hours. Failure to do so could not only result in liability to the property owner, but also a fine from Code Enforcement. Please be a good neighbor this winter and help out your fellow citizens who may have difficulty clearing ice and snow from sidewalks due to age, disability, or other reasons. Also, if you see a fire hydrant or stormdrain that is covered in snow, please take time to help emergency responders and Public Works employees by clearing these areas for quick and easy access should an emergency arise and to help avoid melting snow from flooding streets.

Follow us on Facebook for the following information:

Westminster, Maryland: Holiday schedule changes, inclement weather and emergency information

City of Westminster Recreation & Parks Department: Events, parade information, fitness classes, park openings

Downtown Westminster, Maryland: News about Downtown Westminster, from business openings and specials to events and business news

Westminster Fiber Network: Keep up to date with the WFN



Upcoming Events for November

Carroll County Arts Center, 91 W Main Street, CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org or 410-848-7272

- * 8/30-11/3: Exhibit "Synergy"
- * 8/30-11/3: Exhibit "The World Through Our Eyes" by the Carroll County Camera Club
- * 9/13-11/3: Exhibit "Showcasing Carroll County Public School Art Teachers"
- * Friday, 11/9—Sunday, 11/11: Fall Production of *Madagascar*, Jr (*times vary*)
- * Friday, 11/16: FLICC film: *Babette's Feast*, 1pm & 7:30pm (English subtitles provided during both screenings)
- * 11/16-12/22: 10th Annual Gallery of Gifts
- * 11/23-12/2: 21st Annual Festival of Wreaths
- * Saturday, 11/24: Free movie "A Christmas Story" (ends before Miracle on Main Street Holiday Electric Parade)

Historical Society of Carroll County, HSCCMD.org or 410-848-6494

- * Saturday, 11/17: Past Times for Children—Native Americans, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am
- * Tuesday, 11/20: Box Lunch Talk—Designing Historically-Inspired Gardens, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon

Carroll County Public Library Westminster Branch, 50 E Main Street, Library.carr.org or 410-386-4488

- * Monday, 11/5: Teen Advisory Board, 3:30pm
- * Wednesday, 11/7: Westminster Book Discussion Group: *I Know a Secret* by Tess Gerritsen, 6:30pm
- * Thursday, 11/8: Being an Artist in Carroll County, 7pm

McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, McDaniel.edu or 410-848-7000

- * Sunday, 11/18: Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County Presents "*Te Deum*", Baker Memorial Chapel, 3pm

Upcoming Events for December

Carroll County Arts Center, 91 W Main Street, CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org or 410-848-7272

- * 11/16-12/22: 10th Annual Gallery of Gifts
- * 11/23-12/2: 21st Annual Festival of Wreaths
- * Friday, 12/7: A Christmas Carol, 8pm
- * Saturday, 12/8: A Christmas Carol, 3pm & 8pm
- * Friday, 12/21: A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas, 8pm
- * Saturday, 12/22: A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas, 3pm & 8pm

Historical Society of Carroll County, HSCCMD.org or 410-848-6494

- * Saturday, 12/15: Past Times for Children—Roads, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am
- * Tuesday, 12/18: Box Lunch Talk—Christmas Gifts, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon

McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, McDaniel.edu or 410-848-7000

- * Sunday, 12/2: College Choir Concert "Songs of Peace", Baker Memorial Chapel, 7pm

Upcoming Events for January 2019

Carroll County Arts Center, 91 W Main Street, CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org or 410-848-7272

- * Friday, 1/4: "RGB", 1pm (captioned) & 7:30pm
- * 1/8-3/2: Exhibit: "Elements"
- * 1/8-3/2: Exhibit: "Inspired by Pearls"
- * Friday, 1/11: "Rebels on Pointe", 1pm (captioned) & 7:30pm
- * Friday, 1/18: "Mr. Dynamite: The Rise of James Brown", 1pm (captioned) & 7:30pm
- * Monday, 1/21: "Harriet Tubman: The Chosen One", 2pm
- * Friday, 1/25: "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" 1pm (captioned) & 7:30pm

Historical Society of Carroll County, HSCCMD.org or 410-848-6494

- * Saturday, 1/5: Winter Wine Warmer, 4:30-7pm (\$40/\$45, *advanced reservations required*)
- * Tuesday, 1/15: Box Lunch Talk, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon
- * Saturday, 1/19: Past Times for Children, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am

DIRECT-DIAL NUMBER FOR CURBSIDE ITEM PICKUP REQUESTS: 410-848-9077

The City of Westminster has a *direct-dial phone number* for all **curbside item pickup** requests. You can also leave a message to receive a call back on when your item(s) will be collected. All requests for curbside pickups must be received at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled collection date.

The schedule for pick-ups will be on the following days of the week (biweekly):

- **Monday**—Tree limbs and brush (no longer than 4 feet, no larger than 6 inches in diameter)
- **Tuesday**—Metal, large appliances, tires, and large batteries (excluding dishwashers, TVs, microwaves)
- **Wednesday (weekly)**—Yard waste in brown paper bags or bushel-sized containers weighing less than 50lb; **NO** plastic bags, dirt or sod, mulch, concrete, rock/stone, or brick)
- **Thursday**—Bulk pick up east of Rt 31
- **Friday**—Bulk pick up west of Rt 31



2019 Scheduled Collection Weeks

January: 12/31 – 1/4, *NO pickups on 1/1; 1/14 – 1/18; and 1/28 – 2/1*

February: 2/11 – 2/15 and 2/25 – 3/1

March: 3/11 – 3/15 and 3/25 – 3/29

April: 4/8 – 4/12; and 4/23 – 4/26, *NO pickups on 4/22*

May: 5/6 – 5/10 and 5/20 – 5/24

June: 6/3 – 6/7 and 6/17 – 6/21

July: 7/1 – 7/5, *NO pickups on 7/4; 7/15 – 7/19; and 7/29 – 8/2*

August: 8/12 – 8/16 and 8/26 – 8/30

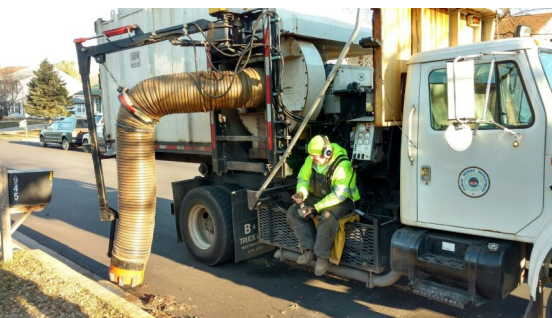
September: 9/9 – 9/13 and 9/23 – 9/27

October: 10/7 – 10/11 and 10/21 – 10/25

November: 11/4 – 11/8 and 11/18 – 11/22

December: 12/2 – 12/6; 12/16 – 12/20; and 12/30 – 1/3, *NO pickups on 1/1/20*

NOTE: If the scheduled pickup day falls on a City holiday, items will be scheduled for next available collection date. Items must be placed at the curb **no later than 7 a.m.** on the scheduled pickup date.



Leaf Vacuum services run during the Fall months of October and November. All requests for leaf vac services must be called in and scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of your collection day.



Fall Leaf Vac

The City is once again providing vacuum pickup of leaves during the fall season, and will end on December 7. As it has in the past, the City will collect leaves every week day on a set schedule. **New this year, residents must call in and request a Leaf Vac pickup of their leaves in order for the City to streamline services. To schedule a pickup or find out your scheduled collection day, call 410-848-9077.** Leaves may be raked into the gutter area no more than 12 hours ahead of the scheduled pickup day, except in the case of inclement weather, as they block the storm drain system. Open burning is prohibited by law within City limits.



Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market

The Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market is open and providing fall favorites! The Market is open on Saturdays from 8am—Noon until November 17, and is located off of Route 27, in the Conaway Parking Lot. You'll find everything you need to make fresh, farm-to-table meals with seasonal produce. Also, look for plants and flowers, ready-made food, chocolate, baked goods, body products, milk, cheese, meat, coffee, local distilleries, and more! There's always something new to find at the County's longest-running, open air, producer-only farmers' market.

2018 DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER

Holiday Events

Miracle on Main Street November 24

Jingle Bell Run

Hersh/Pennsylvania Avenue, 4:55pm

Holiday Electric Parade

Marching down Main Street, 5pm

Tree Lighting

Locust Lane, following Parade

Santa's Treat

Westminster Library, following Tree Lighting

December 1, 8, 15, 22

Visits with Santa Claus

Santa House, Library Lawn, 12-4pm

Free Horse & Carriage Rides

Locust Lane, 12-4pm